



Parent Briefing – w/c: 11/12/2017



News from The Catholic Church in Jersey

FAMILY NATIVITY AND BAMBELLINI BLESSING SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER AT ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH AT 2.30PM

This year at the request of the Catholic Grandparents Association, we invite children to come dressed as shepherds, sheep and angels to take part in our family Nativity and also have your own Baby Jesus blessed for your home at Christmas.

Refreshments will be served and a Christmas Raffle will take place.

Youth news

What's happening on Friday evenings during Advent?

Friday 8 December – meet in the youth room at 7pm. We will be going to St Thomas's church for our youth Mass at 7.30pm to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We invite our new Youth Assembly to join us for a special blessing from Fr Benjamin. Afterwards the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the youth prayer room. All welcome.

Friday 15 December – meet at the Oasis of Peace at 7pm. We will be joining parishioners in celebrating a Night with The Lord. We will have time in Adoration and a sleepover option for youth is available. See Moyra for directions.

Friday 22 December – Closed

Youth 2000 during Advent Thursdays from 6.30-8.30pm. Join us for Taize prayer time.

Thursday 14 December – Closed

Thursday 21 December – Taize prayer

Youth Concert is Sunday afternoon 10th December at St Mary and St Peter's Catholic Church 2-4pm (including refreshments). Please come and support your youth. We have a fantastic programme of talented youth.

Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland – Joining the World Meeting of Families in August 2018. Please see Moyra for details. We still have places. There will be an information meeting in January.

For more information on what is happening in Youth Ministry and to view our autumn term programme of events, please visit our website on www.jacy.org.je

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Chaplaincy News

This coming Sunday is *Bible Sunday* Please join us in the following prayer

Heavenly Father, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

You can use the link below for some excellent resources on the Word of God.

<http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/biblesunday/>

Please use the following link to help prepare for Sunday Mass on Sunday 10th December 2017 – The Second Sunday of Advent

http://www.wednesdayword.org/downloads/parish_docs/506-A-Advent-2-2017.pdf

Whole School Notices

End of term

Friday is the last day of school. Primary boys finish at 11.50 and secondary boys finish at 12 noon. Please note that there will be no school buses at time of school closure.

Centenary News

The Centenary team hope that you all have a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy 2018.

Look out for our news in January when we will be asking for Lasallians to join us on the Island walk on March 27th 2018 as well as looking for memorabilia for our exhibition.

We have a tree in the St Peter's Church 13th Annual Christmas Tree Festival which commences on Saturday 9 December until Sunday 17 December. There will be over 80 fully decorated and lit Christmas Trees exhibited by various organisations, schools and individuals. This is a real sight to see. On the evening of 9 December a Concert will be held at 19:30. The event culminates on Sunday 17 December at 16:30 with the Christingle Service. Open 10:00-19:00 entrance free. Donations appreciated.

Reception Information Morning

We are holding a Reception Information Morning on Tuesday 23 January. If you, or people you know, are thinking about applying to us for Reception 2018 or 2019, please contact Lucy Fosse on l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk or by telephone on 754114 to book a place at this event. An invitation with full details is attached to this briefing. Please note that the admissions process into both classes has commenced and so please also contact Mrs Fosse for details on how to register.

Whole School Notices Continued...

Dear Parents

I am helping to organise a fundraising event in aid of a 5 year old boy with a brain tumour. The tumour cannot be fully removed and the family have just left for America where he will receive Proton Beam Therapy. All the money raised will be sent directly to the boy's family, through the Jersey Brain Tumour Charity.

We desperately need toys to sell and raffle prizes. I know it is the time of year when you are being asked to donate to all sorts of worthy causes but if you have any unwanted toys, crafts, clothes, or possible, tombola, bottle stall or raffle prizes then they would be very gratefully received.

The sale will take place at St Paul's Centre on Saturday 16th December from 10:00 until 15:30. Please come if you can. If you are able to donate anything then please ask your son to bring it to my classroom and I will arrange for it to be taken down to the centre. If you donate anything with alcohol in it then please could you bring it to reception yourself rather than giving it to your son to bring on to the school site with any other donations.

Kind regards,
Mr Martin

Rhodes House car wash in aid of 'Tackle Africa'

Please come along and support our Rhodes boys at their Charity Car wash tomorrow (Saturday 9th December.) The boys will be in the lower car park from 9am until midday.

Stanley House Fundraising

The Stanley House fundraising efforts will commence tomorrow with busking at Liberty Wharf (Saturday 9th December) from 11am until 2pm. Please pop along and show your support.

Centenary Ties and Teddies

We have a limited amount of teddies available for £10 each.

We have sold out of ties and so have placed a new order of small, medium and large sizes. If you would like to place an order please email Mr McCarthy on j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk
If you have requested a tie but have not yet received it, please also contact Mr McCarthy to specify which size you would prefer.



Whole School Notices continued....

E-safety

For the latest news regarding e-safety please go to the news section on the homepage of our website

Parking on site

Please be aware that all of the numbered spaces in both staff car parks are allocated to staff.

Please do not park in these spaces - even for 5 minutes, or for a quick drop off/pick up

This may, and has, caused major disruption

Pupil Absence:

Reminder to all parents that any absences through medical/dental appointments must be preauthorised via our attendance officer: absence@dls-jersey.co.uk

In the event of your child being unwell please contact the college via email, absence@dls-jersey.co.uk or telephone on 754103. If leaving a message please let us know what is wrong with your son, please do not simply state 'sick' or 'unwell'.

Please do this each day until your son returns to school. We will not assume that if he was ill on Monday that is the reason he is absent on Tuesday unless you have previously informed us.

In the event your son becomes unwell at school and needs to go home, he should find the nearest teacher to inform them he has to go to sick bay. He should then go directly to sick bay and inform the admin team that he is unwell. The admin team will assist him and contact you, when necessary, to collect your son. Students should not contact parents in advance of going to the sick bay.

Celebrating Achievements

It is important to us that we are able to celebrate your son's achievements with him and so we would be very grateful if you could please keep us informed of anything your son has done/achieved outside school. Please email any details and/or photos to Mrs Lucy Fosse: l.fosse@dls-jersey.co.uk

Christmas Holiday Art Workshops

Julia Renault has asked us to make you aware of her upcoming art workshops. They are suitable for 7 to 16 year olds. The workshops are capped at eight students to ensure good attention and value. Please find a list of workshops attached.

We do not endorse this provider or the quality of the provision and other similar activities may be available.

Primary Notices

Key dates for you to be aware of:

- Tuesday 12 December: Centenary Christmas Carol Concert (Years 3,4,5,6) at St Mary's and St Peter's Church from 6.30pm
- Wednesday 13 December: Infant Nativity (Pre-Reception, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) in the Sports Hall at 2.15pm. Playground parking will be available to parents.
- Friday 15 December: Term finishes at 11.50

Secondary School Notices

De La Salle Island Walk

As you are no doubt aware, De La Salle holds a sponsored Walk at the end of the Spring Term. The Walk involves a distance of up to 36 miles around the coast and this year will be held on **Tuesday 27th March**. Monies raised are used to support local, national and international charities; and to fund activities both on and off the Island.

Although the full distance is 36 miles not all pupils will be able to complete the Walk. For many pupils, including Year 7, the Walk is very demanding and therefore the challenge is to complete **as much as possible**. Checkpoints after the first 6 miles are spaced at approximately 3 mile intervals and pupils may finish at these points if necessary. A full list of instructions and route map is given to every walker prior to the Walk and explained during a school assembly.

Thanks to the fantastic effort made by pupils and the outstanding generosity and support received last year, the 2017 Walk raised almost £20,000. It would be a magnificent achievement if we could exceed last year's total. This will be more likely if **all students participate** and make a concerted effort during the coming term to gain sponsorship and improve their walking fitness.

As in previous years, it is necessary for your son to have your consent to participate in the Island Walk, or not, as the case may be. **I appreciate your help in encouraging your son to participate in our college community's main fundraising event of the year.** Photographs will be taken of the Walk and put onto the school website. Should you wish your son's photograph not to be put on the site please contact the college.

Please COMPLETE CAREFULLY and sign the form attached, returning it by Friday 26th January to your son's house tutor. A sponsorship form will then be issued in due course which must be returned with any sponsorship raised after the walk.

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

On the last day of term we will be supporting Save the Children by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. We are looking forward to seeing Secondary students and staff in their Christmas finery!

Secondary School Notices Continued....

Stanley House Fundraising

This year Stanley House will be fundraising for 'Friends Of Jersey Oncology' (FOJO). Please find a calendar of events attached.

Parents' Evening Feedback

The first parents' evenings for Year 7 and Sixth Form students have now taken place. We would be pleased to receive any feedback that you may have so that we can improve our process. Please email Mr McCarthy on j.mccarthy@dls-jersey.co.uk if you have any feedback

Little Sisters of the Poor Christmas Concert, Wednesday 13th December

The time is fast approaching for De La Salle's annual Christmas concert for the residents of the Little Sisters of the Poor which has been held for over fifty years.

Preparations are well underway and we are now accepting donations of gifts from any families who wish to contribute towards the Christmas gifts we provide for the residents. Please see the attached letter.

Year 8 boys have each been assigned a resident for whom they will make a personal gift bag, with the resident being presented with the gifts at the end of the concert. Please see the attached letter.

The College and Little Sisters of the Poor would like to thank you in advance for your help and generosity in helping to maintain this fabulous tradition once again this year.



Secondary School Notices Continued....

Website

Please check our website each week, particularly the calendar to keep up to date with College events. If you are not a member you should register as this will give you access to a lot more information.

Year 7

Our Year 7 carol Concert will take place in the Sports hall from 6pm on Thursday 14 December

Year 11 Music Students

Music GCSE support sessions with Mr. Wood on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday. 1.00pm-1.30pm

Music GCSE support sessions with Mr.Pallot Tuesday and Thursday 3.30pm-4.30pm

De La Salle PE Department

Y7 – Y8 Please make sure your son brings a gum shield to their games lessons

Clubs and Activities in School

Monday 11th December

Year 9 Football – Games Hall – Lunch time

All years Trampoline club - Gym– 15:45 – 16:45

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Tuesday 12th December

Year 10 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 12 & 13 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Wednesday 13th December

Year 11 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

Year 7 C&D Football – Cancelled

All years Badminton club - Cancelled due Primary Nativity

Thursday 14th December

Year 7 Football – Games Hall – Lunch

Years 8 - 11 – Fitness Club – Fitness Suite – 15:45 – 16:45

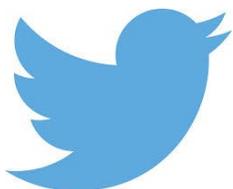
All years Cricket Nets – Cancelled due Carol Concert

Friday 15th December

Finish at Noon.

Fixtures

No fixtures....Happy Christmas from the PE department



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For College sports updates:

@DLSjsyPE